AN ACT concerning the public employee benefits.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing Section 8-192 as follows:

(40 ILCS 5/8-192) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 8-192)

Sec. 8-192. Board created. A board of 5 members shall constitute a Board of Trustees authorized to carry out the provisions of this Article. The board shall be known as the Retirement Board of the Municipal Employees', Officers', and Officials' Annuity and Benefit Fund of the city, or for the sake of brevity may also be known and referred to as the Retirement Board of the Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of such city. The board shall consist of the city comptroller, the city treasurer, and 3 members who shall be employees, to be elected as follows:

Within 30 days after the effective date, the mayor of the city shall arrange for and hold an election.

One employee shall be elected for a term ending on the first day in the month of December of the first year next following the effective date; one for a term ending December 1st of the following year; and one for a term ending on December 1st of the second following year.

The city comptroller, with the approval of the board, may appoint a designee from among employees of the city who are versed in the affairs of the comptroller's office to act in the absence of the comptroller on all matters pertaining to administering the provisions of this Article.

The city treasurer, with the approval of the board, may appoint a designee from among employees of the city who are versed in the affairs of the treasurer's office to act in the absence of the treasurer on all matters pertaining to administering the provisions of this Article.

The members of a Retirement Board of a municipal employees', officers', and officials' annuity and benefit fund holding office in a city at the time this Article becomes effective, including elective and ex-officio members, shall continue in office until the expiration of their terms and until their respective successors are elected or appointed and have qualified.

An employee member who takes advantage of the early retirement incentives provided under this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly may continue as a member until the end of his or her term.

(Source: P.A. 93-654, eff. 1-16-04.)